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GAUGE CONVERSION BETWEEN KOLLAM-THENKASI
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the gauge conversion work of Kollam-Thenkasi railway line;

(b) whether there is any target date fixed for early completion of doubling between Punalur and Shankottai railway line;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Railways have any plan to provide adequate funds for Kollam-Shankottai railway line for early completion; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (DR. R. VELU)

(a): On Quilon-Tenkasi section, Tenkasi-Sengottai (8 km) section has been commissioned for train services in February, 2008. On the balance portion, Punalur-Quilon (45 km) gauge conversion is targeted for completion during 2008-09 and this work is in advanced stage of completion. Punalur-Sengottai (49 km) is a Ghat section where final location survey has been completed and detailed estimate has been sanctioned recently. No target has been fixed for completion of gauge conversion of this Ghat section.

(b) & (c): There is no proposal of doubling between Punalur and Sengottai railway line.

(d) & (e): Funds for gauge conversion of Quilon-Sengottai metre gauge line are being provided as per works planned during the year. An outlay of Rs. 92 crore has been provided for the project during 2008-09.